

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 225

By Hale

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Michelle McRae on her selection as the 2022-2023 Smith County Grades 9-12 Teacher of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest-quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Michelle McRae is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. McRae has been selected as the 2022-2023 Smith County Grades 9-12 Teacher of the Year, a most befitting honor that recognizes the positive influence she has on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, raised in East Nashville, Michelle McRae graduated from Martin Luther King Jr. Magnet School in 1995 and graduated with *summa cum laude* honors from Warren Wilson College in 1999; and

WHEREAS, before beginning her teaching career, she worked in various faith-based, educational, and nonprofit settings; Mrs. McRae holds a Master of Arts degree in Curriculum and Instruction from Tennessee Technological University and is currently in her fifth year of teaching Spanish at Gordonsville High School; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her teaching responsibilities, she also serves as an ad hoc interpreter for Gordonsville Elementary School, coordinates regular clothing swaps for high school girls, and, perhaps most importantly, is a mentor figure for students facing especially difficult circumstances; and

WHEREAS, Michelle McRae is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. McRae serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, Michelle McRae truly epitomizes the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Michelle McRae on being chosen as the 2022-2023 Smith County Grades 9-12 Teacher of the Year, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.